

## SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS COMMUNICATIONS

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## County Commissioner Tom Winters & Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department Pick Up Donated Bicycles for Holiday Distribution

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – On Monday, December 9, at 2:00 p.m., Third District Sedgwick County Commissioner Tom Winters and the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department will be picking up bicycles for distribution to kids for the holidays in conjunction with Operation Holiday. Commissioner Winters and Sheriff's Department Community Policing Deputies will pick up bicycles at the Goddard Maintenance Shop, (1/2 mile north of Kellogg on 199<sup>th</sup> Street).

The bicycles are being donated by the Goddard Police Department and, through a partnership with The Bicycle X-Change on West Douglas, the bicycles will be checked and repaired if needed prior to distribution to needy children in Sedgwick County this holiday season. This year, the Sheriff's Department hopes to have over 300 donated bicycles to distribute to area children.

"This is a wonderful program, and one of the most requested items from children," said Commissioner Tom Winters. "The Sheriff's Department has definitely developed a successful, collaborative program where everyone wins," Winters said.

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This is the first year that the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department has done this program. In addition, Sheriff's deputies collect food items and deliver baskets to area families during the holiday season.

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